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HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL, \$7,500,000
RESERVE FUND, \$4,500,000
RESERVE LIABILITY OF PROPRIETORS, \$7,500,000

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HONGKONG.
INTEREST ALLOWED.
ON Current Deposit Account at the rate of 2 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.

ON Fixed Deposits:
For 3 months, 3 per cent. per annum.
" 6 " 4 per cent. " "
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LOCAL BILLS DISCOUNTED.
Credits granted on approved Securities, and every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.

Deposits granted on London, and the chief Colonial places in Europe, India, Australia, America, China and Japan.

JOHN WALTER,
Acting Chief Manager.
Hongkong, February 26, 1887. 363

NOTICE.
RULES OF THE HONGKONG SAVINGS' BANK.

1.—The business of the above Bank will be conducted by the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, on their premises in Hongkong. Business hours on week-days, 10 to 3; Saturdays, 10 to 1.

2.—Sums less than \$1, or more than \$250 at one time will not be received. No depositor may deposit more than \$2,500 in any one year.

3.—Depositors in the Savings' Bank having \$10 or more at their credit may at their option transfer the same to the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation on fixed deposit for 12 months at 3 per cent. per annum interest.

4.—Interest at the rate of 3 per cent. per annum will be allowed to deposits on their daily balance.

5.—Each depositor will be supplied gratis with a Pass-Book, which must be presented with each payment or withdrawal. Depositors must not make any entries themselves in their Pass-Books but should send them to be written up at least twice a year, about the beginning of January and beginning of July.

6.—Correspondence as to the business of the Bank is marked. On Hongkong Savings' Bank is forwarded free by the various British Post Offices in Hongkong and China.

7.—Withdrawals may be made on demand, but the personal attendance of the depositor or his duly appointed agent, and the production of his Pass-Book are necessary.

For the
HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION,
JOHN WALTER,
Acting Chief Manager.
Hongkong, June 7, 1887. 754

Notices of Firms.

NOTICE.

DURING my Absence from the Colony, my BUSINESS will be conducted by my Brother, Mr. JAMES SPENCE LEON, who is authorised to sign my name for prosecution.

WILLIAM LEGGE.

Hongkong, April 16, 1887. 730

NOTICE.

MR. HENRY CRAWFORD, Mr. JOHN McCALLUM and Mr. NINTIAN ROBERT STANFORD CRAWFORD were admitted PARTNERS in our Firm in Hongkong on the 1st April, 1887.

No Change has been made in the constitution of our Firm in Shanghai or Yokohama.

LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.

Hongkong, April 6, 1887. 647

Intimations.

THE NORTH-CHINA INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE Sixth Ordinary General MEETING of the above Company will be held at the HEAD OFFICE, on MONDAY, the 25th April, at Half-past Two o'clock p.m., for the presentation of the Report of the Directors and Accounts to the 31st December last, the declaration of Dividends and appropriation to Reserve Fund for the year 1886, and the election of Directors and Auditors for the current year.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 11th to the 25th April, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Court of Directors,
ALEX. ROSS,
Secretary.

Shanghai, 8th April, 1887. 734

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NOTICE.

HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED.

SHIPMASTERS and ENGINEERS are respectively informed that, if upon their arrival in this Harbour, NONE of the Company's FOREMEN should be at hand, Orders for REPAIRS if sent to the Head Office, No. 14, Praya Central, will receive prompt attention.

In the Event of Complaints being found necessary, Communication with the Under-signed is requested, when immediate steps will be taken to rectify the cause of dissatisfaction.

D. GILLIES,

Secretary.

Hongkong, August 25, 1885. 1458

NOTICE.

THE HONGKONG AND KOWLOON WHARF AND GODOWN COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that an ORDINARY General MEETING will be held at the Company's Office in Pedder Street, Hongkong, on FRIDAY, the 29th day of April, 1887, at 12 of the Clock noon, at which the following Special Resolutions will be brought forward:—

That the Maximum Number of Directors authorized by Article No. 70 of the present Articles of Association shall be raised from Nine to Twelve.

That the words "Ten Thousand Dollars" shall be inserted in Article No. 81 of the present Articles of Association in lieu of the words "Seven Thousand Dollars."

That the word and figure "Clause 3" in the seventh line of Article No. 19 of the present Articles of Association shall be read as if the said word and figure had never been therein inserted.

ISAAC HUGHES,

Secretary.

Hongkong, April 14, 1887. 714

DENTISTRY.

FIRST CLASS WORKMANSHIP.
MODERATE FEES.

MR. WONG TAI-FONG,

Surgeon Dentist.

(Formerly ARTICLED APPRENTICE and LATELLY ASSISTANT to Dr. ROGERS.)

At the urgent request of his European and American patients and friends, has TAKEN THE OFFICE formerly occupied by Dr. ROGERS,
No. 2, DUDDELL STREET.

CONSULTATION FREE.

Discount to Missionaries and families.

Sole Address:

2, F. DUDDELL STREET.

(Next to the New Oriental Bank.)
Hongkong, January 12, 1887. 66

NOTICE.

A GLASGOW FIRM, with Practical Experience of the HARWARE and ENGINEERS for TRADE, is prepared to act in Hongkong, as Agents for Contractors, First-class references.

Replies to be addressed to 87, Hope Street, care of this Office.

DEACON & CO.
Glasgow, 1st April, 1887. 600

NOTICE.

MR. GRIFFITH having made arrangements to remain on as a WEEKLY TENANT his STUDIO WORK will be carried on as heretofore, pending the completion of the contract for pulling down and rebuilding.

WHEN THE STUDIO WILL BE CLOSED.

This has been considerably agreed to, so that he may be able to complete the work in hand, and take sittings from those who may wish to favour him by making early appointments for portraits.

Correspondents at the ports will please take this as a reply to their numerous inquiries.

Hongkong, April 11, 1887. 605

Business Notices.

LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.

CIGARS.

LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.'S SPECIAL BRAND 'THE MANILAS.'

LA PERLA DEL ORIENTE.—REINA VICTORIA, BREVAS, LONDRES, PRINCESAS, DAMAS, PERLAS, CORTADO DE LA REINA, REGALIA CHICA, REGALIA GRANDE, REINA HABANO EXTRA.

LA INSULAR.—No. 2 HABANO in 250 Boxes, \$1.00 per Box—(All in perfect condition).

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F. & J. SMITH'S, Glasgow:—BRIGHT CUT NAVY, FLAKED GOLDEN LEAF HONEY DEW, SUN CUBAN MILD MIXTURE, GLASGOW MIXTURE, GOLDEN BIRDS-EYES, SUN CUT VIRGINIA.

COPES:—GOLDEN CLOUD, SMOKING MIXTURE, GOLDEN BIRDS-EYES.

PAGES:—GOLD LEAF PLUG TOBACCO.

CIGARETTES.

MALTA CIGARETTES.—KANAL-I-HIND, STATE OF INDIA.

LANE, CRAWFORD & CO. call special attention to their Special Assortment of PIPES, CIGAR-HOLDERS and SMOKER'S SUNDRIES.

LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.

Hongkong, March 1, 1887.

W. POWELL & CO.

(TELEPHONE 21),

AN ENTIRELY NEW STOCK OF

LADIES', CHILDREN'S AND GENTLEMEN'S

WHITE AND COLOURED

STRAW HATS.

W. POWELL & CO.

VICTORIA EXCHANGE, April 4, 1887.

STAG HOTEL,

QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, HONGKONG.

J. COOK, Proprietor.

THE HOTEL IS CENTRALLY SITUATED AND WITHIN A FEW MINUTES' WALK FROM THE PRINCIPAL TRADING PLACES.

GOOD ACCOMMODATION FOR VISITORS.

CHARGES MODERATE.

TIFFIN at 1 o'clock. DINNER at 7.30.

WELL VENTILATED BILLIARD ROOM.

ENGLISH AND AMERICAN CUE.

WINE, SPIRITS AND MALT LIQUORS OF THE VERY BEST QUALITY ONLY.

Hongkong, April 1, 1887. 607

KELLY & WALSH, LTD.,</

Entertainments.

THEATRE ROYAL,
CITY HALL.

THIS EVENING,
the 18th April, 1887,
GRAND GALA NIGHT,
BENEFIT AND POSITIVELY LAST NIGHT OF
JOHN F. SHERIDAN,
(WIDOW O'BRIEN).
By FUN ON THE BRISTOL REQUEST
An entire Change of Scene.
The curtain will be drawn at 8 p.m.

Miss Livingston Children come along.

will Sing Hello Baby, and once more
Half Baby, Half Baby-Jiver.

The Tormentor, from Car-
men, his greatest effort.

Mr. Dunder Moonlight and Starlight
Going to Market. Let me
like a Soldier Fall.

Miss Fussy Stick to your mother, Tom.
A Soldier and a Man.

Mr. Hogan I'm getting too old now;
and recite The Faunus Cat.

Mr. Holland Wrecked and Saved. The
Butterfly Dido.

Miss Adelie Will buy my Flowers.

Mr. Parker The Old Dame's Chair.

Mr. Sheridan The Old Father Bed.

In the Concert Scene will be introduced
scenes from "IL TROVATORE."

MANIECO Mr. DUNBAR
COUNT DE LUNARES SHERIDAN,
RENIGI HOLLAND,
FERNANDO HAGAN,
LEONORA Miss MELVILLE,
AZOCENA FRASER.

The whole forming a
GRAND FAREWELL PROGRAMME.

REMEMBER THIS EVENING.

Secure your Seats at MESSRS. LANE,
CRAWFORD & CO. to prevent disappoint-
ment.

F. H. POLLOCK, Manager.

Hongkong, April 18, 1887. 735

THEATRE ROYAL,
CITY HALL.

THE THIRD PERFORMANCE
OF THE SEASON,

THE AMATEUR DRAMATIC
CLUB

will take place on

FRIDAY,

the 22nd April, at 9 p.m.

When will be produced a COMEDIE by
WILLIAM BROUGH,
entitled:

A COMICAL COUNTESS,

AND

H. J. BYRON's COMEDY in 3 Acts,

entitled:

OLD SOLDIERS.

Tickets may be obtained from MESSRS.
LANE, CRAWFORD & CO. on and after
Monday, 4th April, at 9 a.m.

PRICES OF ADMISSION:

Dress Circle and Stalls, \$2.
Back Seats, \$1.

H. M. THOMSETT,
Hon. Secretary.

Hongkong, April 7, 1887. 584

To Let.

OFFICES TO BE LET.

AT NO. 38, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL;

With COMPRODOR'S ROOMS,
and Entrance in STANLEY STREET.

Apply to

HONGKONG DISPENSARY.

Hongkong, March 14, 1887. 460

TO BE LET FURNISHED.

NO. 3, MORRISON HILL for 4 Months
from the 1st June.

Apply to

ARTHUR K. TRAVERS,
Post Office.

Hongkong, April 4, 1887. 636

TO BE LET.

(With Early Possession.)

BISNEE VILLA—POXFLUM.

SHARP & CO.,
Agents.

Hongkong, April 9, 1887. 559

TO LET.

ROOMS in "COLLINS CHAMBERS,"

No. 2 and 16, HOLLYWOOD ROAD.

Apply to

DAVID SASSOON, SONS & CO.

Hongkong, March 23, 1887. 504

To-day's Advertisements.

HONGKONG CLUB

NOTICE.

A NEXTRAORDINARY General Meeting
of the MEMBERS of the CLUB

will be held at the CLUB HOUSE, on FRIDAY,
20th Inst., at 4.30 p.m., for the purpose
of Confirming the Resolution passed at
the Extraordinary General Meeting on the
13th Instant.

By Order, G. H. GRACE,
Secretary.

Hongkong, April 18, 1887. 746

UNION LINE.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM ANTWERP, HAMBURG AND

SINGAPORE.

THE Steamship *Cicero*, Captain

Frasier, having arrived from the
above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby
requested to send in their Bills of Lading to the
Undersigned for counter-signature, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods
from alongside.

Cargo impeding the discharge of the
Steamer will be at once landed and stored
at Consignee's risk and expense, and no
Fire Insurance will be effected.

All claims against the Steamer must be
presented to the Undersigned on or before
the 20th Instant, or they will not be re-
cognised.

RUSSELL & CO.,
Agents.

Hongkong, April 18, 1887. 744

To-day's Advertisements

NOTICE.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES
MARITIMES.

PAQUEBOT POSTE FRANCAIS.

The Co's Steamship

Diamond, Commandant VAGUER

will be despatched for

SHANGHAI TO-MORROW, the 19th

Instant, at Daylight.

G. de CHAMPEAUX,
Agent.

Hongkong, April 18, 1887. 738

NOTICE.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES
MARITIMES.

PAQUEBOT POSTE FRANCAIS.

The Co's Steamship

Moncal, Commandant BLANC

will be despatched for

KOBE and YOKOHAMA TO-MORROW,

the 19th Instant, at 3 p.m.

G. de CHAMPEAUX,
Agent.

Hongkong, April 18, 1887. 739

GLEN LINE OF STEAM PACKETS.

FOR SHANGHAI.

Taking Cargo & Passengers at through rates
for CHEFOO, TIENTIN, NEW-
CHWANG, HANKOW and Ports on
the YANGTZE.

The Steamship

Glenary, Captain TAYLOR, will be
despatched as above on

WEDNESDAY, the 20th Instant, at Noon.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

RUSSELL & CO.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, April 18, 1887. 747

NOT Responsible for Debts.

Neither the Captain, the Agents, nor
Owners will be Responsible for
any Debt contracted by the Officers or
Crew of the following Vessels, during
their stay in Hongkong Harbour:

GENERAL WEIDEN, GERM. str., Capt. W.

von Schluenk, Melchen & Co.

LUXON, American ship, Capt. J. G. Park.

SWAN, American brig, Captain D. O.

Keebo, F. Blackhead & Co.

TARAPACA, British barque, Captain M.

Arthur.—Chinese.

SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.

April 16, 1887.

Nemisis, French Yacht schooner rigged,

202, Leibet, April 13.

Sherard Osborne, British steamer, from

Whampoa.

Kutang Lee, Chinese steamer, from

Shanghai April 14, General—C. M. S. N.

Co.

Greyhound, British steamer, 237, Gen.

Wright, April 14, Hoihow 16.

General American, Bremen & Co.

Adriatic, Danish steamer, 350, N. O.

Reyes, British steamer, 18, General—An-

thon, Kammer & Co.

Diamond, Franchia, 3,893, Vespier,

Marcellus Marcelli 13 March 13, via Naples.

Port Said, Aden, Colombo, Singapore

Port of THURSDAY, the 21st Inst., at

5 p.m., instead of as previously advertised.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

Douglas Lapraik & Co.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, April 18, 1887. 743

NOTICE.

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY,
LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY & FOOCHOW.

The Co's Steamship

Namoa, Captain Puccio, will be
despatched for the above

Ports on WEDNESDAY, the 20th Inst., at

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THE CHINA MAIL

The delivery of the French Mail was begun at 8.25 yesterday morning.

The British residents of Yokohama have decided to celebrate the Queen's Jubilee by having general rejoicings, and, if funds can be collected, by founding an English school.

His Excellency the Acting Governor has given his assent to the Trial and Unlawful Societies Ordinance, 1887; the bill for the better Protection of Young Girls; and the bill for the abolition of transportation and penal servitude.

Messrs Arnhold, Karberg & Co. inform us that the China Shippers Mutual S. N. Co.'s new steamer *Moyune*, from London, left Singapore for this port yesterday. A description of the *Moyune* will be found in another column.

The *Straits Times* says its readers will be much pleased to learn that H. M. S. turpentine ship *Orion*, 4 guns, 4,870 tons and 4,040 horse power, has been detached from the Mediterranean fleet for the defence of Singapore.

A HAVAS telegram, published in *Le Courier d'Haiphong* of the 14th April, states that the Belgian newspapers announce that a marriage has been arranged between Prince George, eldest son of the Prince of Wales, and Princess Clementine, third daughter of the King of Belgium.

YESTERDAY afternoon, the steamer *Bayer*, of the Norddeutscher Lloyd, was visited by a large number of people, who inspected the sumptuously furnished saloons and cabins and the superior appointments of the vessel. Refreshments were laid out in the saloon for the visitors.

We regret to hear that a telegram was received from home the other day announcing the sudden death of Mr G. A. K. Honey (of the firm of Smith, Bell & Co.), late Acting Consul for Britain and Consul for Denmark at Manila. Mr Honey went home about six months ago, and was married shortly after his arrival.

In connection with the 50th and general rejoicings which are to be given in honour of the Queen's Jubilee, it has been pointed out to us that the now moon falls on the date now selected, the 21st of June, so that the night will probably be suitable for illuminations. It is also, however, the longest day of the year.

During the week ending the 9th April, 74 deaths were registered in this Colony, 27 resulting from fever, 17 from chest affections and 10 from throat affections. Only two deaths occurred among the civil European and foreign community, one resulting from chronic chest affections and one from small pox.

Le Courier d'Haiphong says that a convention has been signed authorising the construction soon of a Franco-Chinese telegraph line between Tonkin and Yunnan, the work to be commenced on both sides at the same time. *Le Courier* says that on the construction of this line the English line traversing Burma may be dispensed with.

SIR THOMAS'S Gazette contains a notification to the effect that Dr W. S. Adams has been granted ten months' leave of absence on half salary, in addition to two months' vacation leave, and that during his absence Dr G. P. Jordan, M. B., C. M., M.R.C.S., will act as Health Officer of the Port and Medical Inspector of Emigrants.

H. M. S. *Champion* and *Cleopatra* were to leave Singapore on the 12th instant for England via the Suez Canal. Whilst on the Singapore station recently, the officers and men of both ships have made themselves deservedly popular, and the *Straits Times* wishes them all a pleasant and safe passage home.

The Band of the Northamptonshire Regiment will play at the Officers' Mess, Murray Barracks, on Tuesday, the 10th instant, commencing at 8 p.m. The following will be the programme:—

March....." *Tarantella*....." *Minuet*....." *Wenzel*....." *Francesca*....." *Polka*....." *Valie*....." *La Favorita*....." *Dvorak*....." *La Fanciulla del West*....." *Donizetti*....." *Fantasia*....." *Waltz*....." *John Morley*, Banister.

The Ordinance for the naturalisation of Chon Kwok Ying, read a first time at last Friday's meeting of the Legislative Council, consists of the preamble and one short section. No description is given of who or what the applicant for naturalisation is. We shall look for some statement to this effect when the bill comes on for reading a second time.

A BOATMAN in the employ of Mr Andrew Miller, plumber, Wanchai, was charged at the Police Court to-day with refusing to co-operate. Mr Miller said he engaged the man on the 15th March with other three men at \$28 a month. Their duties were to have the boat in the water at 7 a.m. and take workmen on board ship throughout the day. He paid the men their wages yesterday and they received their money without remark. This morning, however, at the time when he should be on duty, the defendant, the head boatman, came to his house and said they were going to work any more, as the other boatmen were not satisfied with their wages. In consequence of this he (Mr Miller) had lost \$2.60 for hire of other boats. Defendant was fined \$10, with the option of three weeks' hard labour, and was ordered to pay \$2.60 as amends to Mr Miller, in default to go other seven days to prison.

We observe from the *Nagasaki* paper that the U. S. corvette *Essex* left that port on the 12th instant, to search for the crew of the *Abbie Carter*.

It will be seen from an advertisement in another column that lists for signatures to the Address to Mr Marsh will be found at Messrs Lano, Crawford & Co.'s and Messrs Falcon & Co.'s after the mail leaves to-morrow.

The ordinance to enable the trustees of the Rhenish Missionary Society to sell and dispose of certain lands held property in the Colony of Hongkong, read a first time at the last meeting of the Legislative Council, is published in Saturday's *Gazette*. The bill sets out that, by an indenture, dated 21st February 1877, the Crown sold to Christian Wilhelm Louis and Wilhelm Dilthey, as Trustees of the Rhenish Missionary Society, for the sum of 999 pounds, the lands described in the 25th December, 1853, the whole of inland lot No. 24. The lot is now vested in the Rev. Ferdinand Wilhelm Dilthey, formerly of Hongkong but now of Tung-kun City, in the province of Kwong-tung, and the Rev. Emmanuel Genth, now of Fung-wing, in the same province; and as it is uncertain whether the said trustees have sufficient power to sell and dispose of the said property, this ordinance has been introduced for the purpose of investing them with such power. For the satisfaction of the public, some of whom entertain the idea that the property may have been acquired on charitable terms, it would be well were the particulars of the acquisition recited by the Acting Attorney General when he moves the second reading of the bill.

A RATHER daring robbery was committed on Saturday evening at the Cricket Ground just at the conclusion of the School Athletic Sports. A Chinese school boy named Tam Achi had mentioned to some of his playmates that he had \$2 in his coat and that he wished them to look after it when he threw it off to join in any of the games. The conversation had been heard by some of the crowd around the ground, and while the boy was looking at the tag of war he was surrounded by a number of young rogues who stripped him of his purse and the \$2. The school boy shouted out "snatch things," and thereupon one of the youths drew a knife and stabbed him in the back, inflicting, fortunately, but a very slight wound, while the others struck him with bamboo. The school boy's mates came to his assistance and tried to arrest the rogues who fled in the direction of Wanchai. Sergeant Witchell joined in the chase and three of them were arrested. Captain Deane, who happened to be near the spot, went up and took the knife from the young vagabond who had cut the school boy. The culprit began to cry out childishly, "It was not I, it was not I"; and to-day, when the case was tried before Mr Mackean at the Police Court, he maintained that it was another youth who cut the school boy and that he was only called in to help to beat him.

One of the prisoners is a hawker, while another says he is a school boy, and the third is unemployed. The case was remanded till to-morrow. We hear that a lady, who was present at the sports, got her pocket picked during the afternoon. Fortunately the thief only managed to secure a silver-mounted snuff-bottle.

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The *Straits Times*, in the following paragraph, taken from its issue of the 11th instant, hints at what is more plainly stated by our informant:—

"We understand that Hugh Clifford, of the Native States Service, returned this morning from Pahang, where he had been sent on a special mission by Sir Frederick Weld to Pahang to accompany the Rajah Muda of Pahang via Selangor down the Pahang river from the Ulu to Pekan, the Sultan's residence. Mr Clifford visited the mines, and made acquaintance with the inland Chiefs, and necessarily must have obtained much information. We hear that he has formed a most favorable opinion of the resources of the country which we believe is not unlikely to become the richest of the States under good government, and that good government may now be hoped for. Mr Clifford has the best of friends from H. E. Government for the Sultanate."

"E. G. Gosson, Esq., for the Sultanate, was exceedingly well received, and had many interviews and consultations with the Sultan, and on his return he sent the bearer of a letter to the Governor from His Highness of a very satisfactory character. We learn that Mr Clifford has very successfully accomplished the objects of his mission."

The Russian cruiser *Bohdan Chotomov*, Captain H. D. Wolfson, arrived at Singapore on the 10th instant. Like the *Sever*, the *Bohdan Chotomov* is a vessel of 974 tons, 108 men, and 13 guns, some of which are very powerful, and is fitted with engines of 1,000 indicated horse power.

A man was discovered in Kennedy Town some time ago in possession of a large quantity of valuable clothing. The property has now been claimed by the woman whose house on the mainland gave rise to the Rendition Case now pending. The man was to-day charged with being in possession of stolen property, but as the theft was committed in Chinese territory, the case was beyond the jurisdiction of the Court. It was therefore dismissed, but a recommendation was made that the prisoner be banished from the Colony as a dangerous character.

The *Chinese Times* says:—The work is progressing rapidly at the new cathedral which is to replace the Pei-tang; more than 1,200 workmen are employed, and many of the buildings already show three feet above the ground. Every effort is being made to prepare for the evacuation of the Pei-tang at an earlier date than that named in the convention.

Says the *Perth Gazette* of the 5th instant:—An official communication from H. B. the Governor, announcing the presentation of a wreath by the members of the Penang Legislative Council to Mr. Ord, to act as Acting Consul, has been received. Mr. Ord was born at Penang, and is the son of W. H. Maxwell, Superintendent of Police at a general parade of the whole force of duty yesterday evening. An inspector was admitted, and the presentation was acknowledged as disapproval of the Governor's action in awarding Mr. Ord the punishment already noted in this column.

Says the *Japan Herald*:—With respect to a sensational account, which appeared in the *Gazette*, of a bullet having been fired in a railway carriage, in which were Mr. and Mrs. Mansfield and Mr. Dan of the U. S. Legation, we have been officially informed that from inquiries made, it appears that no bullet was fired, but that the window was broken by a stone thrown when the train was between Shitamata and Shinshu. The police are attempting to discover the person who threw the stone.

The princely sum of two hundred thousand yen has been subscribed by Mr. Iwasaki to the fund for coast-defence. Mr. Iwasaki is probably the wealthiest man in Japan, but that fact scarcely detracts from the munificence of a gift which would represent a fortune anywhere, and in Japan presents two or three fortunes. The largest contribution next to Mr. Iwasaki is that of the President of the Specie Bank, Mr. Hara, who subscribes fifty thousand yen.

(*Japan Mail*.)

The *China News* of the 9th April makes the following obituary announcement:—"It is with extreme regret that we this morning record the death of Mr. Charles Wiggin, which occurred yesterday evening."

On the 19th of last month, just two weeks ago to-day,—superintending the starting of his ice machine at Osaka, he fell into a tank of boiling water, immersing his right leg up to the hip. He was pulled out by an immediate by a Japanese attendant, and removed to the adjoining dwelling-house, the usual remedies used in such cases being applied under the superintendence of Dr. Laning of Osaka, who was in remitting in his attention. Mr. Wiggin rallied slightly but slowly from the shock, and having expressed a desire to be removed to Kobe, was brought down here on Monday last. It was hoped that the change would be of benefit, but unfortunately his system could not recover from the severe shock it had sustained; he gradually became weaker and weaker; all hope of recovery was abandoned yesterday morning, at 11 a.m., at 12 o'clock on the evening of the 21st, peacefully away. Mr. Wiggin arrived in Kobe as the representative of Messrs. J. D. Gaskell & Co., when the port was first opened, and during his stay, with every movement tending to promote the interests of the port and the pleasure and welfare of his fellow residents. He has been an able and active member of the Lodge 'Higo and Osaka,' ever since its organisation, and has twice occupied the chair of that lodge. His frank and hearty nature gained him hosts of friends, and death could not have taken from us one who will be more greatly missed or more sincerely mourned.

Mr. Wiggin received a Masonic burial.

We learn from a private source that there is an early prospect of Pahang coming under the protection of the Straits Settlements Government, that the matter is being strongly urged at home, and that it is moreover the desire of a large section of the population that this protection should be given. The necessity of this step is rendered more apparent to the Straits Government, by the fact that greater attention is being attracted to the country on account of its immense mineral wealth, and the prospect of its becoming one of the greatest gold-producing fields of the world.

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THE NORTH-CHINA INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

Report.

For Presentation to the Sixth Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders to be held at the Offices of the Company, Hankow Road, Shanghai, on Monday, the Twenty-fifth day of April 1887, at 2.30 p.m. present.

The Directors have the pleasure to submit the annexed duly audited Statement of Account to 31st December last.

Exchange.—The Balance Sheet is adjusted at 4s. 6d. per Tael, being the rate current upon the date to which it is made up, and the gain or exchange of Tls. 15,901.69, appearing at credit in the Working Account, is chiefly due to the increase of the Company's funds in London, calculated at the present rate this sum would be reduced to Tls. 7,351.04.

Interest.—The Account has been closed by transfer to Tls. 23,065.47 to the credit of Liquidity Account.

1886.—The favourable hopes entertained as to the result of this year's business have been fairly realized, the balance on 31st December being Tls. 739,857.88 for the year. Settlements during the current year and estimated known losses amount to Tls. 200,674.93, leaving the sum of Tls. 539,182.95 as a basis for the declaration of Dividends and appropriation to the Reserve Fund.

The Directors now recommend the following interim distribution of profits:—

Interest at the rate of 10 per cent upon the Paid-up Capital, Tls. 1,000,000.00, and 10 per cent upon Shareholders' Contributions.

Interest accrued upon the Reserve Fund to 31st December 1886, 4s. per share; and the addition of Tls. 100,000 to the Reserve Fund.

Directors.—Owing to his departure from Shanghai, Mr. Westall has resigned his seat at the Board, and the existing Directors now retire in terms of clause 90 of the Articles of Association, but, being eligible, offer themselves for re-election.

Auditors.—The Directors regret the retirement of Mr. Peter Maclean, who has so long and efficiently discharged the duties of Auditor to the Company. The Shareholders will be enabled to appoint his successor and to re-elect Mr. Augustus White, who again offers his services.

By order of the Court of Directors, ALEXE. ROSS,
Secretary.

Shanghai, 7th April, 1887.

BALANCE SHEET—31st December 1886.

To Capital Account, Tls. 2,690,000.00

Ex 4s. 6d. 1,000,000.00

Difference in Exchange 4s. 6d.

1,033,848.05

To Reserve Fund, Tls. 100,000.00

Interest to 31st December 1886 9,072.05

105,075.05

Interest Accrued, 1885—

Balance on 30th June 1886 43,565.69

Less—Amount brought from below 15,929.22

Tls. 23,065.47

Transferred to Liability Account, Tls. 23,065.47

Working Account, 1886—

Balance on 31st December 1886 406,187.30

Amount brought from below 333,753.58

Interest Account for 1886 and previous 17,187.17

Dividends uncollected 2,919.83

(Ex 4s. 6d. per Tls.) 1,057,784.00

On Current and Deposit Accounts in Tls.

Shanghai 712,823.19

Chinese Imperial Government, Loan of 4,000.00

Chinese Imperial Government, Loan of 184,000.00

Shanghai Municipal Loan of 1882 15,720.00

Shanghai Municipal Loan of 1884 15,450.00

Swedish Debtors' Fund 50,000.00

Swedish at Head Office and Branches 55,503.17

Less—Due to瑞典 5,657.11

84,040.00

London Branch—Balance in hand 10,617.43

Yokohama Branch—Balance in hand 14,161.74

10,912.07

Singapore Branch—Balance in hand 19,101.15

14,161.39

Land and Premises—Head Office, Shanghai 50,000.00

Premises at Head Office, Hongkong, Yokohama, and Singapore Branches 8,164.05

(Ex 4s. 6d. per Tls.) 1,157,784.00

WORKING ACCOUNT, 1885.

Dr. Tls. 1,438.85

To Balance on Premiums refded. 15,829.22

Lesses carried forward 15,829.22

Tls. 24,015.77

By Premiums from 1st July to 31st Decem- 2,157.25

Less—Sundry Charges and Income Tax 1,783.27

1,504.16

2,883.16

2,816.93 1 1 945,904.43

hand 10,617.43 75,030.00

Yokohama Branch—Balance in hand 14,161.74

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Second Day, 6th April.

Though appearance was rather dubious

in the early morn, the sky being nebulous

and a thick fog covering the ground, the sun showed its face late in the forenoon and everything turned into colour de rose for

race-goers. The sport was better and more

interest was evinced in the events than on

the day preceding.

The most successful stable was that of

Baron Magenta's, which again scored the

higher number of races. Out of the seven

events, no fewer than five having been won

by the stable, the other winning owners

being Messrs. Yerpp and Thorn with one

each. The following are the events:—

1.—The AMOR CUP.—Value \$100. For

all China Ponies, first race in Fochow

and Amoy. Weights as per scale. Win-

ner at this or previous meetings 7 lbs. extra.

Entrance \$5. One mile and a

quarter.

Mr. Thorn's Thistle, (Boyd),.....1

Tanner's Baltic, (Tanner),.....3

Mr. Belzile's Norman, (Boyd),.....2

Du's Blair's Baltic, (Moorhead),.....3

At the village, "Baltic" shot to the front

and kept his position until the finish, win-

ning by a length. Time 1.37s.

2.—The LADON CUP.—(Presented). Value \$100. For all China Ponies. Weights as per scale. Winner of one race during this meeting 10 lbs extra, if two or more 14 lbs extra. Entrance \$5. One mile and a quarter.

Mr. Belzile's Norman, (Boyd),.....1

Mr. Belzile's Amazzone, (Boyd),.....1

Owl's Wild Game, (Tanner),.....3

Mr. Belzile's Norman, (Boyd),.....2

Mr. Belzile's Amazzone, (Boyd),.....1

Mr